



MISSISSIPPI COAST ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL ADMINISTRATORS

MINUTES OF MCAFA FY01 SECOND QUARTER MEETING

1. MCAFA held their second quarter meeting on 11 July 2001 at The Bridges in Bay St. Louis. RDML Thomas Q. Donaldson, V, USN called the meeting to order in accordance with the agenda, enclosure (1), at 12:05 pm.
2. Don Sheldon provided the invocation.
3. RDML Donaldson made introductory remarks, introduced the speakers for the meeting, and called for the Treasurer's report.
4. William Burnett presented the Treasurer's report. He reported the current balance of \$1558.73, and made a motion to have the report included in the minutes. A second motion was made. The Treasurer's report is provided as enclosure (2).
5. Ron Davis, SUPSHIP Pascagoula, provided an update on the Awards Committee. He requested that MCAFA members provide names of local leaders that might serve as judges on the 2001 MCAFA awards panel. The MCAFA Awards Banquet will be held in early December 2001.
6. Julie Catellier, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, made a presentation on the 2001 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The goal this year is \$890,535 – a 10% increase from last year's collection. Each agency is requested to set their 2001 collection goals 10% higher than last year. The CFC "kick off" will be at Keesler AFB on 29 August 2001. Ms. Catellier received three verbal commitments for the Loaned Executive Program and each executive received an umbrella for their participation: RDML Donaldson, BGEN Mercer, and MGEN Regni. Shri Stroud volunteered for the Pascagoula Naval Air Station at the meeting. Those interested in the program are requested to volunteer by 23 July 2001. Finally, Ms. Catellier displayed the new CFC poster with the slogan "Giving makes great things happen."
7. Tom Dennis, Keesler AFB, described various focus areas that the Resources Sharing Committee is coordinating, such as "sharing of training capabilities" and "disaster preparedness." The committee will send a letter to each MCAFA agency requesting their nominees for committee membership and alternative ideas for sharing resources between the agencies.
8. RDML Donaldson then introduced the Civil Defense Directors from Hancock and Harrison Counties, Linette Carbon and Linda Rouse, respectively. The directors discussed their concerns and plans of action for the 2001 Hurricane Season. Both directors believe that the Mississippi coastal communities are better prepared to handle hurricanes this year, and described their plans to hold hurricane preparedness workshops. They requested MCAFA agencies to urge their employees to become more involved in hurricane preparedness meetings and they handed out evacuation zone maps of the area to help the agency's employees plan their evacuation routes in case of a hurricane.

enclosure (2)

9. RDML Donaldson then introduced Lt. Col. Doug Lipscombe, 53rd Weather Squadron, who discussed the Hurricane Hunter's plans and activities for 2001. New observations and model techniques are enabling the 53rd Weather Squadron to understand a hurricane's structure and strength, which will provide a longer warning lead-time for the public.

10. RDML Donaldson next led a discussion on the Federal Mediators. The group reviewed the request to accept the mediators as a sponsored MCAFA program. Annette Watts described how MCAFA could provide support and sponsorship for the mediators, and also help with training. One mediator costs about five to six thousand dollars, but with a MCAFA endorsement, the mediators could reduce that cost. RDML Donaldson agreed to this type of mediation and opened the floor for discussion. Rudy Cadney, U.S. Forest Service, provided additional information about Federal Mediators and described the organization's benefits to agencies in his area. Group consensus agreed that each member should take the proposal to their organization and ask for their recommendation. A vote will be taken at the next meeting on the issue "Should MCAFA officially endorse the Federal Mediators." RDML Donaldson also asked if there were other groups which MCAFA should endorse or sponsor, such as the Medal of Honor recipients. RDML Donaldson also inquired into MCAFA support for pilot or lecture programs that work with local schools to educate students about the federal service. MCAFA members should be prepared to discuss these ideas at the next meeting.

11. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Sincerely,

Thomas Q. Donaldson, V
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy
President, MCAFA